

# Water Supply Land Conservation Grant Program Annual Stewardship Monitoring Report for Conservation Easements Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau



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Date of Inspection: 12 December 2020

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Easement Name: Ingersoll Property (Leslie C. Bockes Memorial Forest)
Town/City: Town of Hudson
Tax Map and Lot Number(s): 126-035-000
Current Owner: Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests
Address: 54 Portsmouth Street, Concord, NH 03301
Phone: 603-224-9945
Local Contact for Owner (if necessary): N/A
Address:
Phone:
List all persons/affiliations attending the inspection:

William Collins, Hudson Conservation Commission Member

Landowner Contact Prior to Inspection: No X Yes \_\_\_\_

If yes, by: Letter \_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_ Personal \_\_Other (specify)

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If yes, date\_\_\_\_\_

Background: Was the property visited for routine ground monitoring purposes or did complaints or problems prompt the visit?

Routine ground monitoring.

### **Summary of Easement** Purposes:

Forestry, scenic preservation and passive recreation, protection of natural forested and wetland habitat of plants and animals native to New Hampshire. The protection of the quality and sustainability of groundwater and source water sources and the preservation of unique historic and cultural structures. Public access must be permitted.

#### Use Limitations:

- Perpetual preservation of open space with use limited to appropriate agriculture and forestry.
- No structures or improvements introduced into the property above or below ground with the acknowledgement of the existing electric transmission line right of way and its associated rights.
- No removal, filling, or disturbances of soil surface or changes in topography.
- No advertising structures except as necessary for permitted uses.
- No mining, quarrying, excavation, or removal of rocks, minerals, gravel, sand, topsoil, or other similar material except in connection with improvements for permitted uses.
- No storage, dumping, injection, burning or burial of man-made materials such as trash, demolition debris or other waste and no use of hazardous materials including pesticides, biosolids, or soil amendments within 400 feet of the well sanitary zone.
- The property cannot be used to satisfy any applicable zoning ordinances or subdivision regulations.

# Reserved Rights:

The grantor reserves the right to permit archeological investigations.

Description of Current Land Use:

The property is used for passive recreation and for active forestry.

Condition of boundaries: (blazed, painted, corners marked)

The property boundaries with abutting properties are marked by painted blazes (Photo 1). Markings along the Town of Hudson boundaries appear to have been recently redone. They are easily seen and spaced appropriately along the edge of the property.

List the Man-made Alterations since the previous monitoring. (For example: construction, dredging, filling, trails, timber harvest, clearing new fields, etc.) Describe activity or alteration; noting extent, location, purpose, individual responsible (if known). Attach maps, photos, and illustrations as necessary.

Reference Photo 2, it was noted that a new gate and signage was installed at the Bockes Road entry point. Sign on gate reads that motorized vehicles are prohibited.

Reference Photo 3, some minor dumping was found over the property line abutting a home on Hopkins Drive. The dumping appears to be yard waste and the home owner is storing his wheel barrel and yard cart in the same location. This is ongoing and has been noted in prior monitoring reports with no

The main trails running through the property have been blazed with yellow painted squares. It might be more beneficial to blaze the individual trails with different colors to help individuals navigate the trail system a little more clearly

List the Natural Alterations (Flooding, fire, insect infestation). Note location and nature of changes. Attach maps, photos, and illustrations as necessary.

Same as noted in prior reporting years. Blown down trees along Hopkins Drive could be of concern in the event of a fire on the property

To the best of your knowledge and observation, is there compliance with all restrictions specified in the conservation easement? Please describe.

Yes, SPNHF is in compliance with the easement restrictions.

Other observations/comments

Follow-up: We will forward a copy of this report to SPNHF.

NAME OF MONITOR: William Collins

Town of Hudson Conservation Commission Member

SIGNATURE: William G. Collins

ADDRESS: Hudson Conservation Commission

12 School Street Hudson, NH 03051

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Please attach a map or sketch indicating property boundaries and approximate path taken in conducting the monitoring visit.

## THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE ATTACHED TO THIS REPORT:

Aerial photo	<i>X</i> Ground photos
Maps	X GPS Track



Fig 1: GPS track of property survey

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Photo 1: Boundary Markings



Photo 2: New Gate and Signage at Bockes Road

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Photo 3: Land owner dumping yard waste